

DuPonts Powder Mills
Wilmington, Del.
12 Jan 1872

Mr James C. Booth.
Refiner U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Army Department to visit the U.S. Mint, to make some inquiries in regard to the purity of the silver & copper used in coin, with a view to determining whether it is not better fitted for ordnance experiments now under way, than any metals which we can buy. I write to ask you if by coming to Philadelphia

on Monday I could meet
you for the purpose of settling
this point - If so, will you
kindly drop me a line -

Yours truly,
J. D. Martin.
Lieut. Comdr
U.S.Navy.

12. Jan. 1872

Lieut. Com^{dr} Marvin
Wilmington Del

Silver disks advised
of 999 $\frac{1}{2}$ fine.